

SERMON NOTES

Title: Fruit That Is Never

Out Of Season: Introduction

Text: Galatians 5:19-26

Topic: 9 Keys to Healthy Relationships

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There are **nine** characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit. These traits form the nine secrets of **healthy relationships**.

Two statements that form the foundation for this series.

One. Belief does not always result in **consistent** behavior. What we **believe** and how we **behave** are not always the same.

Two. What we **do** is not nearly as important to God as who we **are**. God's primary interest is not in changing our behavior, its in changing **us**. It's possible to do the right things for the **wrong reasons**.

In Galatians 5, Paul contrasts two different kinds of people; people who live under the influence of the flesh, and people who live under the influence of the Spirit of God.

Notice they are not **fruits** of the Spirit.

If we think fruit and not fruits three things happen.

1. Removes the temptation to **pick and choose**.
2. Removes the temptation to **prioritize** the characteristics

3. Enables us to see them all **related and essential** for our lives.

How do we acquire the fruit of the Spirit. One. The fruit of the spirit is the divine **inner workings** of the Holy Spirit. Two. The Fruit of the Spirit is related to our **obedience**.

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, THE CHARACTER OF GOD, AND THE COMMAND OF SCRIPTURE

Fruit of the Spirit

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Meekness

Self-Control

The Character of God / The Command of Scripture

God is Love (I John 4:16) / Love God and your neighbor (Matt. 22:37-39)

He will rejoice over us (Zep.3:17) / Rejoice in the Lord (Phil. 4:4)

He is the God Of peace (Heb. 13:20) / Seek Peace (I Pet. 3:11)

He is patient with us (II Pet. 3:9) / Be patient with everyone (I Thes. 5:14)

He is kind to us (Eph. 2:7) / Clothe yourself with kindness (Col. 3:12)

We will see the Goodness of the Lord (Ps. 27:13) / Let us do Good (Ga.6:10)

His faithfulness is great (Lam.3:23) / Be faithful (Rev.2:10)

He is gentle and humble (Matt. 11:29) / Show true humility (Titus 3:2)

He has shown strength/self-control (Luke 1:51) / Add self-control (2 Pet. 1:5&6)